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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF A MILITARY ATTACHE TO PEKING

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM STORY IN WASHINGTON POST
JULY 24. STORY IS BASED UPON THE JUNE 11 TESTIMONY OF DIA
DIRECTOR GRAHAM AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MAJOR GENERAL WILLIS
D. CRITTENBERGER BEFORE THE DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. A HEAVILY CENSORED
TRANSCRIPT OF THEIR REMARKS WAS RELEASED ON JULY 22.

QUOTE: THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SAYS U.S. MILITARY ATTACHES AROUND THE WORLD ARE "THE MOST
COST-EFFECTIVE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION OPERATION WE HAVE IN
THE GOVERNMENT TODAY."

THE DIRECTOR, LT. GEN. DANIEL O. GRAHAM, ALSO SAID HE
EXPECTS TO HAVE A MILITARY ATTACHE IN PEKING BY THE END OF
NEXT YEAR. "I DON'T THINK THE CHINESE WILL MIND AT ALL"
HAVING HIM THERE, GRAHAM SAID. END QUOTE.

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2. DEPT SPOKESMAN WAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN CASE

QUESTION ASKED AT JULY 24 DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING:

QUOTE:

Q: LT. GEN. DANIEL O. GRAHAM, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WAS QUOTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST THIS MORNING AS STATING THAT HE EXPECTS TO HAVE A MILITARY ATTACHE IN PEKING BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR AND THAT HE DOESN'T THINK THE CHINESE WILL MIND HAVING HIM THERE. ARE THERE PLANS TO ASSIGN A MILITARY ATTACHE TO PEKING AND DO YOU AGREE THAT THE CHINESE WILL NOT MIND?

A: THE MATTER OF ASSIGNING A MILITARY ATTACHE TO PEKING IS NOT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. I WOULD NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ON WHAT STEPS WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER AT SOME LATER DATE. OBVIOUSLY, THE ASSIGNMENT OF MILITARY ATTACHES REQUIRES THE CONCURRENCE OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT.
END QUOTE

3. SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE AT BRIEFING JULY 24.
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